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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- Group I, claim 1, drawn to a method of putting a drop of material into a female compression die, using an extrusion nozzle to dispense the drop.
- Group II, claim 2, drawn to a method for putting a drop of material into a female compression die with a rotary dispenser.
- Group III, claim 3, drawn to an apparatus of putting a drop of material into a female compression die, using an extrusion nozzle to dispense the drop.
- Group IV, claim 4, drawn to an apparatus for putting a drop of material into a female compression die with a rotary dispenser.

The inventions listed as Groups I-IV do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The technical feature which links the claims of groups I-IV is the use of a mechanical dispenser to put drop of molding material into a female compression die. Whether or not any particular technical feature makes a contribution over the prior art and therefore constitutes a "special technical feature" is considered with respect to novelty and inventive step. (MPEP [R-6] 1850 II.) As evidenced by Ueno (JP 2000-

108127, Abstract) and Ueno (JP 2000-02529, Abstract), the claimed technical feature is known in the art. Therefore, the claimed technical feature fails to define a contribution over the prior art and unity of invention is lacking between these two groups.

2. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention or species, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Magali P. Théodore whose telephone number is (571) 270-3960. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina A. Johnson can be reached on (571) 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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